

Superior Court Judge

Richard D. Savell, Fourth Judicial District



DATE OF BIRTH: January 19, 1947
PLACE OF BIRTH: Bridgeport, Connecticut
NAME OF SPOUSE: Margo J. Savell
CHILDREN: Heidi (20), Marty (17)
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 30 years
Fairbanks 1972 to present

EDUCATION:
Andrew Warde High School (Fairfield, Connecticut), 1961-1965;
Union College (Schenectady, New York), 1965-1969, B.A.;
Columbia University School of Law, 1969-1972, J.D.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Past: board of directors, Alaska Legal Services Corporation;
board of governors, Alaska Bar Association; secretary, Alaska
Bar Association; president, Tanana Valley Bar Association; Law
Offices of Charles E. Cole; Aschenbrenner and Savell; Law
Offices Richard D. Savell, P.C.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
Fellow, American Bar Foundation; Alaska Bar Association;
Tanana Valley Bar Association; president, Alaska Conference of
Judges, 2000-2001; National Center for State Courts; Alaska
Supreme Court Civil Rules Committee; Three Judge Sentencing
Panel; Youth Court Sponsor; volunteer, Fairbanks Concert
Association.

OTHER:
National Judicial College General Jurisdiction; Computers in the
Courts; Casflow Management; Advanced Evidence; Judicial
Writing; Court Management for Judges and Court
Administrators; Civil Mediation; Scientific Evidence and Expert
Testimony.

provided and paid for by the candidate

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Richard D. Savell, Superior Court, Fairbanks

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Savell to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously (5-0) that the public vote “Yes” to retain him as a superior court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,860 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Savell on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Savell 3.9 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest (4.1) in the categories of “legal ability,” “controls courtroom,” and “willingness to work diligently.” He scored 3.5 or better in all sixteen categories.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal Ability	4.1	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.8	4.2	4.6	4.6
Integrity	3.9	4.2	---	4.6
Temperament	3.8	4.2	4.6	4.6
Diligence	4.1	4.3	---	4.6
Special Skills	3.9	4.2	---	---
Overall	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.7

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is “acceptable.”

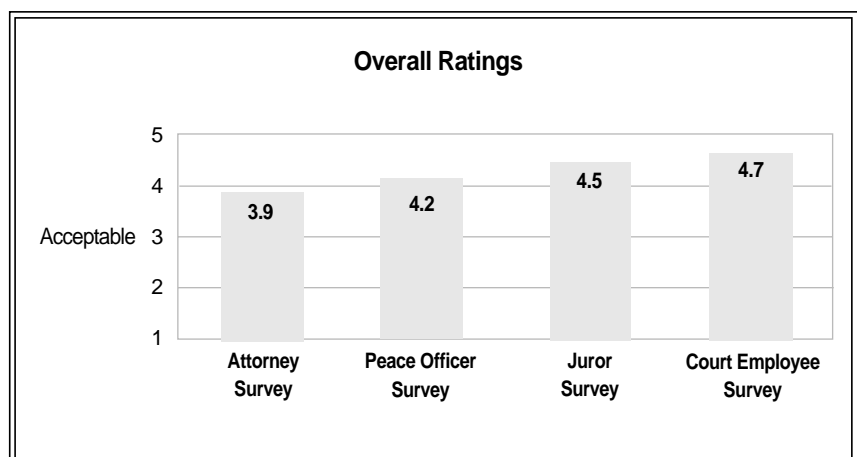
Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent
4.0 = Good
3.0 = Acceptable
2.0 = Deficient
1.0 = Unacceptable

A survey of 1,704 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Savell on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Savell 4.2 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest in the category of “controls courtroom” (4.4). He scored 4.1 or better in all categories.

A survey of all jurors appearing before Judge Savell in 2000 and 2001 rated him 4.5 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 4.7 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote “YES” to retain Judge Savell

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